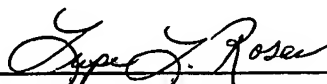




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AMENDMENT

This is in response to the Official Action mailed August 16, 2004. Please amend the claims as shown in the attached pages.

REMARKS

Applicant provisionally elects the embodiment shown in Figs. 4 and 5 as defined in claims 14 - 19 comprising a vibration damper a first portion positioned in and engaged with the